

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application.

1. (Original) A transportable utility carrier apparatus for coupling to a transport vehicle, comprising:
 - an upper frame;
 - a recessed platform connected to the upper frame;
 - a wheeled base;
 - a lift system interposed between the base and the upper frame for moving the wheeled base relative to the platform between a transport position and a freestanding position;
 - a square hitch tube connected to the upper frame; and
 - a rollered receiver hitch mountable to the transport vehicle;wherein the wheels are spaced from the ground in the transport position;
wherein the square hitch tube is receivable within the rollered receiver hitch; and
wherein the rollered receiver hitch eases insertion of the square hitch tube thereinto to prevent binding on unlevelled ground.

2-21 (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Amended) A transport assembly that may be connected to and carried by a vehicle, comprising:

an ~~upper~~recessed housing platform ~~defining~~for supporting an interior transport volume;

a wheeled base;

a lift system interposed between the base and the ~~recessed~~upper platform for moving the wheeled base relative to the upper platform between a transport position and a use position;

a square male hitch tube connected to the ~~recessed housing~~upper platform; and

a rolled square female receiver hitch mountable on the vehicle;

wherein the rolled receiver hitch locking connects to the square male hitch tube to define a transport position;

wherein the ~~housing platform~~wheeled base is spaced from the ground in the transport position;

wherein the square male hitch tube is receivable within the rolled receiver hitch; and

wherein the rolled receiver hitch eases insertion of the square hitch tube thereinto on unlevel ground.

23-32 (Cancelled)

33. (Previously Presented) A transport apparatus connectable to a hitch-equipped vehicle, comprising:

a housing platform;

a rollable base;

a lift system of extending between the base and the housing platform for moving the rollable base relative to the housing platform between a first position and a second position;

a square male hitch tube connected to the housing platform; and

a rolled square female receiver hitch mountable on the vehicle;

wherein the rolled receiver hitch lockingly connects to the square male hitch tube to define a first position;

wherein the rollable base is spaced from the ground in the first position;

wherein the square male hitch tube is receivable within the rolled receiver hitch; and

wherein the rolled receiver hitch eases insertion of the square hitch tube thereinto on unlevel ground.

34. (Previously Presented) The transportable utility carrier apparatus of claim 1 wherein the wheeled base is closer to the upper frame when the apparatus is in the transport position than when the apparatus is in the freestanding position.

35. (Previously Presented) The transport assembly of claim 22 wherein the housing platform defines an interior transport volume.

36. (Previously Presented) The transport assembly of claim 22 and further comprising a housing connected to the housing platform, wherein the housing defines an interior transport volume.

37. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus of claim 33 and further comprising a housing connected to the housing platform, wherein the housing defines an interior transport volume.

38. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus of claim 33 wherein the housing defines a recessed storage volume.

39. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus of claim 33 wherein the lift system is a scissors lift.

40. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus of claim 39 wherein the scissors lift is expanded in the second position and contracted in the first position.

41. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus of claim 33 wherein the
rollered base includes a plurality of wheels extending therefrom.